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RODENT SPERM-ANALYSIS

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This patent application was filed on April 9, 2004. No office action has issued in this patent application. In the August 22, 2006 Official Gazette, the assigned Technology Center's average filing date of applications receiving a first office action was June 15, 2004 (two months after the filing date of this patent application). Applicants respectfully request a written explanation as to why the date to first action in PAIR for this patent application is four months.

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